Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

January 2010

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended January 16, 2010, there were 511,000 persons employed in Saskatchewan during January 2010, a decrease of 7,600 from December 2009 and 1,600 less than the number employed in January 2009.

Agricultural employment was 39,200 persons in January 2010, down 3,500 from the December 2009 level but 100 more than the January 2009 agricultural employment level of 39,100. Non-agricultural employment was 471,800 persons in January 2010. This is a decrease of 4,100 from the December 2009 non-agriculture employment level of 475,900 and 1,700 less than January 2009.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for January 2010 was 5.1 percent. This is an increase of 0.8 percentage points from the December 2009 rate of 4.3 percent and 0.5 percentage points higher than the January 2009 level of 4.6 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force decreased by 3,600 to 538,300 persons in January 2010 from 541,900 persons in December 2009. This is 1,200 more than the January 2009 labour force of 537,100 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate fell 0.5 percentage points to 68.6 percent in January 2010 from 69.1 percent in December 2009. The January 2009 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 69.3 percent.

There were 27,200 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during January 2010. This is an increase of 3,900 from December 2009 and is 2,600 more than the number unemployed in January 2009.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 519,800 persons employed in Saskatchewan in January 2010, down 2,300 from the December 2009 level of 522,100 and is down 1,200 from the January 2009 employment level of 521,000 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for January 2010 was 4.7 percent. This is a decrease of 0.1 percentage points from the December 2009 rate of 4.8 percent but 0.5 percentage points higher than the January 2009 rate of 4.2 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment decreased by 231,600 persons in January 2010 to 16,594,900 persons from 16,826,500 persons in December 2009. In January 2009, there were 16,600,900 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate increased 0.9 percentage points to 8.7 percent from the December 2009 level of 7.8 percent. In January 2009, Canada's unemployment rate was 7.8 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 8.3 percent in January 2010. This is 0.1 percentage points lower than December 2009 but 1.0 percentage points higher than the January 2009 level of 7.3 percent.

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TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	January 2010	December 2009	January 2009	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADA					
Labour Force ('000)	18,180.1	18,259.7	18,008.7	-79.6	171.4
Employed ('000)	16,594.9	16,826.5	16,600.9	-231.6	-6.0
Full-Time ('000)	13,243.0	13,474.0	13,306.0	-231.0	-63.0
Part-Time ('000)	3,351.9	3,352.5	3,294.9	-0.6	57.0
Unemployed ('000)	1,585.2	1,433.3	1,407.9	151.9	177.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.7	7.8	7.8	0.9	0.9
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	8.3	8.4	7.3	-0.1	1.0
Participation Rate (%)	66.1	66.4	66.4	-0.3	-0.3
SASKATCHEWAN					
Labour Force ('000)	538 3	541.9	537.1	-3.6	1.2
Employed ('000)	511.0	518.6	512.6	-7.6	-1.6
Full-Time ('000)	414.6	417.1	407.4	-2.5	7.2
Part-Time ('000)	96.5	101.5	105.1	-5.0	-8.6
Unemployed ('000)	27.2	23.3	24.6	3.9	2.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.1	4.3	4.6	0.8	0.5
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	4.7	4.8	4.2	-0.1	0.5
Participation Rate (%)	68.6	69.1	69.3	-0.5	-0.7
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Labour Force ('000)	2,103.4	2,124.3	2,096.3	-20.9	7.1
Employed ('000)	1,961.2	1,991.1	1,994.1	-29.9	-32.9
Full-Time ('000)	1,597.5	1,612.1	1,630.6	-14.6	-33.1
Part-Time ('000)	363.8	378.9	363.6	-15.1	0.2
Unemployed ('000)	142.2	133.3	102.2	8.9	40.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.8	6.3	4.9	0.5	1.9
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	6.6	6.6	4.7	0.0	1.9
Participation Rate (%)	72.5	73.4	74.1	-0.9	-1.6
MANITOBA					
Labour Force ('000)	638.3	636.3	626.0	2.0	12.3
Employed ('000)	601.5	601.6	595.2	-0.1	6.3
Full-Time ('000)	472.8	475.0	476.8	-2.2	-4.0
Part-Time ('000)	128.6	126.7	118.4	1.9	10.2
Unemployed ('000)	36.9	34.7	30.8	2.2	6.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.8	5.5	4.9	0.3	0.9
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	5.4	5.8	4.6	-0.4	0.8
Participation Rate (%)	68.7	68.5	68.4	0.2	0.3

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	January 2010	December 2009	January 2009	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
LABOUR FORCE ('000)	538.3	541.9	537.1	-3.6	1.2
Male	287.3	288.6	235.8	-1.3	51.5
Female	251.0	253.4	206.8	-2.4	44.2
15-24 Years of Age	89.0	90.5	94.5	-1.5	-5.5
25+ Years of age	449.3	451.5	442.6	-2.2	6.7
EMPLOYED ('000)	511.0	518.6	512.6	-7.6	-1.6
Male	269.4	272.3	225.0	-2.9	44.4
Female	241.7	246.3	201.7	-4.6	40.0
15-24 Years of Age	81.0	84.0	85.9	-3.0	-4.9
25+ Years of age	430.0	434.6	426.7	-4.6	3.3
UNEMPLOYED ('000)	27.2	23.3	24.6	3.9	2.6
Male	17.9	16.3	10.8	1.6	7.1
Female	9.3	7.1	5.1	2.2	4.2
15-24 Years of Age	8.0	6.5	8.6	1.5	-0.6
25+ Years of age	19.2	16.8	15.9	2.4	3.3
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	5.1	4.3	4.6	0.8	0.5
Male	6.2	5.6	4.6	0.6	1.6
Female	3.7	2.8	2.5	0.9	1.2
15-24 Years of Age	9.0	7.2	9.1	1.8	-0.1
25+ Years of age	4.3	3.7	3.6	0.6	0.7
PARTICIPATION RATE (%)	68.6	69.1	69.3	-0.5	-0.7
Male	74.1	74.6	76.0	-0.5	-1.9
Female	63.1	63.8	63.7	-0.7	-0.6
15-24 Years of Age	64.3	65.3	67.6	-1.0	-3.3
25+ Years of age	69.5	69.9	69.7	-0.4	-0.2

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	January 2010	December 2009	January 2009	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
INDUSTRY ('000)					
Agriculture	39.2	42.7	39.1	-3.5	0.1
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	27.5	27.6	26.1	-0.1	1.4
Utilities	4.8	4.8	5.2	0.0	-0.4
Construction	37.2	37.0	35.0	0.2	2.2
Manufacturing	27.2	26.0	31.6	1.2	-4.4
Trade	77.9	80.9	82.6	-3.0	-4.7
Transportation and Warehousing	24.9	25.3	22.8	-0.4	2.1
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	30.8	31.2	30.2	-0.4	0.6
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	22.0	23.5	20.5	-1.5	1.5
Business, Building and Other Support Services	11.9	12.2	11.7	-0.3	0.2
Educational Services	43.2	42.5	42.5	0.7	0.7
Health Care and Social Assistance	67.5	65.9	63.0	1.6	4.5
Information, Culture and Recreation	16.4	17.7	19.9	-1.3	-3.5
Accommodation and Food Services	29.7	28.8	29.4	0.9	0.3
Other Services	22.7	23.3	24.3	-0.6	-1.6
Public Administration	28.1	29.2	28.9	-1.1	-0.8
Total	511.0	518.6	512.6	-7.6	-1.6
HOURS OF WORK ('000)					
Full-Time	414.6	417.1	407.4	-2.5	7.2
Part-Time	96.5	101.5	105.1	-5.0	-8.6
CLASS OF WORKER ('000)					
Employees	411.9	417.1	417.6	-5.2	-5.7
Public Sector	132.2	133.5	131.5	-1.3	0.7
Private Sector	279.8	283.6	286.1	-3.8	-6.3
Self-Employed	99.1	101.5	95.0	-2.4	4.1

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	January 2010	December 2009	January 2009	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	16,594.9	16,826.5	16,600.9	-231.6	-6.0
Newfoundland & Labrador	203.0	210.5	199.1	-7.5	3.9
Prince Edward Island	66.7	68.3	63.3	-1.6	3.4
Nova Scotia	432.8	451.6	439.4	-18.8	-6.6
New Brunswick	349.0	357.8	353.3	-8.8	-4.3
Quebec	3,765.5	3,833.1	3,746.7	-67.6	18.8
Ontario	6,455.3	6,528.1	6,463.6	-72.8	-8.3
Manitoba	601.5	601.6	595.2	-0.1	6.3
Saskatchewan	511.0	518.6	512.6	-7.6	-1.6
Alberta	1,961.2	1,991.1	1,994.1	-29.9	-32.9
British Columbia	2,248.8	2,265.8	2,233.7	-17.0	15.1
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	8.7	7.8	7.8	0.9	0.9
Newfoundland & Labrador	17.3	15.3	17.2	2.0	0.1
Prince Edward Island	12.8	12.1	15.9	0.7	-3.1
Nova Scotia	10.8	8.7	9.9	2.1	0.9
New Brunswick	10.5	8.7	9.8	1.8	0.7
Quebec	8.9	8.1	9.0	0.8	-0.1
Ontario	9.2	8.3	8.2	0.9	1.0
Manitoba	5.8	5.5	4.9	0.3	0.9
Saskatchewan	5.1	4.3	4.6	0.8	0.5
Alberta	6.8	6.3	4.9	0.5	1.9
British Columbia	8.5	7.6	6.7	0.9	1.8

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TABLE 5

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	January 2010	December 2009	January 2009	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	16,924.4	16,881.4	16,940.4	43.0	-16.0
Newfoundland & Labrador	218.6	217.2	215.3	1.4	3.3
Prince Edward Island	71.7	71.2	68.1	0.5	3.6
Nova Scotia	447.0	452.0	453.3	-5.0	-6.3
New Brunswick	364.5	365.4	367.9	-0.9	-3.4
Quebec	3,864.6	3,858.4	3,849.1	6.2	15.5
Ontario	6,557.7	6,527.4	6,572.7	30.3	-15.0
Manitoba	612.4	604.0	606.4	8.4	6.0
Saskatchewan	519.8	522.1	521.0	-2.3	-1.2
Alberta	1,987.6	1,995.3	2,019.5	-7.7	-31.9
British Columbia	2,280.5	2,268.5	2,267.2	12.0	13.3
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	8.3	8.4	7.3	-0.1	1.0
Newfoundland & Labrador	14.9	15.2	14.6	-0.3	0.3
Prince Edward Island	9.9	10.8	12.1	-0.9	-2.2
Nova Scotia	9.8	9.6	8.9	0.2	0.9
New Brunswick	9.3	8.9	8.8	0.4	0.5
Quebec	8.0	8.4	7.9	-0.4	0.1
Ontario	9.2	9.2	8.1	0.0	1.1
Manitoba	5.4	5.8	4.6	-0.4	0.8
Saskatchewan	4.7	4.8	4.2	-0.1	0.5
Alberta	6.6	6.6	4.7	0.0	1.9
British Columbia	8.1	8.3	6.3	-0.2	1.8

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TABLE 6

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

	Nov-Jan 2010	Oct-Dec 2009	Nov-Jan 2009	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADIAN CITIES UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
St. John's	8.0	8.2	6.6	-0.2	1.4
Halifax	6.1	5.9	5.4	0.2	0.7
Saint John	7.9	6.0	5.6	1.9	2.3
Quebec	4.5	4.7	4.2	-0.2	0.3
Montreal	9.1	8.6	8.1	0.5	1.0
Ottawa-Gatineau	5.9	5.5	4.4	0.4	1.5
Greater Sudbury	10.3	9.7	5.8	0.6	4.5
Toronto	8.8	8.7	7.4	0.1	1.4
Winnipeg	5.4	5.3	4.4	0.1	1.0
Regina	4.4	4.5	3.0	-0.1	1.4
Saskatoon	4.5	4.1	4.0	0.4	0.5
Calgary	7.1	7.1	4.2	0.0	2.9
Edmonton	6.7	7.3	3.9	-0.6	2.8
Vancouver	7.5	7.4	4.9	0.1	2.6
Victoria	7.5	7.3	3.9	0.2	3.6
SASKATCHEWAN ECONOMIC REGIONS EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Regina-Moose Mountain	154.8	155.3	156.1	-0.5	-1.3
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	52.5	52.6	53.3	-0.1	-0.8
Saskatoon-Biggar	171.8	173.1	169.1	-1.3	2.7
Yorkton-Melville	40.4	40.4	39.5	0.0	0.9
Prince Albert & Northern	97.6	98.9	98.4	-1.3	-0.8

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

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TABLE 7

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER

(3 Month Moving Average)

	Nov-Jan 2010	Oct-Dec 2009	Nov-Jan 2009	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
TOTAL POPULATION					
Labour Force ('000)	539.6	541.8	536.0	-2.2	3.6
Employed ('000)	513.8	517.0	514.6	-3.2	-0.8
Unemployed ('000)	25.9	24.8	21.4	1.1	4.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.8	4.6	4.0	0.2	0.8
Participation Rate (%)	68.8	69.1	69.3	-0.3	-0.5
Employment Rate (%)	65.5	66.0	66.5	-0.5	-1.0
NON-ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	503.4	505.1	495.3	-1.7	8.1
Employed ('000)	482.8	485.6	477.5	-2.8	5.3
Unemployed ('000)	20.6	19.5	17.7	1.1	2.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.1	3.9	3.6	0.2	0.5
Participation Rate (%)	69.8	70.1	69.6	-0.3	0.2
Employment Rate (%)	67.0	67.4	67.1	-0.4	-0.1
ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	36.2	36.7	40.8	-0.5	-4.6
Employed ('000)	30.9	31.4	37.1	-0.5	-6.2
Unemployed ('000)	5.3	5.3	3.7	0.0	1.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	14.7	14.5	9.1	0.2	5.6
Participation Rate (%)	57.2	58.1	65.9	-0.9	-8.7
Employment Rate (%)	48.8	49.7	59.9	-0.9	-11.1
NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN					
Labour Force ('000)	13.6	13.6	17.5	0.0	-3.9
Employed ('000)	11.3	11.3	15.3	0.0	-4.0
Unemployed ('000)	2.2	2.3	2.2	-0.1	0.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	16.6	17.1	12.3	-0.5	4.3
Participation Rate (%)	47.4	47.5	62.6	-0.1	-15.2
Employment Rate (%)	39.6	39.4	54.9	0.2	-15.3
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Labour Force ('000)	22.6	23.2	23.2	-0.6	-0.6
Employed ('000)	19.5	20.2	21.6	-0.7	-2.1
Unemployed ('000)	3.1	3.0	1.6	0.1	1.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	13.6	13.0	6.7	0.6	6.9
Participation Rate (%)	65.2	66.9	68.8	-1.7	-3.6
Employment Rate (%)	56.4	58.2	64.1	-1.8	-7.7

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpretting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

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